Falafel Meal

Serves 12

Ingredients

FALAFEL

- 2 cup uncooked & expanded Chickpeas, (soaked 24 hours, drained, rinsed, and patted dry)
- 1 cup Onion
- 6 Garlic Cloves
- 2 tsp Lemon Zest
- Seasonings:
 - 2 tsp ground Cumin
 - 2 tsp ground Coriander
 - 2 tsp Sea Salt
 - ½ tsp Cayenne
- 1/2 tsp Baking Powder
- Herbs:
 - o 2 cup fresh Cilantro
 - 2 cup fresh Parsley
- 2 tbsp Olive Oil, plus more for drizzling

RICE

- 2 1/2 cups Water
- 2 cups non-qmo Jasmine Rice
- 2 tsp Olive Oil

SAUCE

- 1 cup <u>plant-based</u> Yogurt
- 1/4 cup Pickle Juice or Fresh Dill
- Juice of 1 Lemon
- 1 tsp Sea Salt

VEGGIES

• Serve with Fresh Tomato and Cucumber

Instructions

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- 1. Preheat the oven to 400°F and line a large baking sheet with parchment paper.
- 2. In a food processor, place the *chickpeas, onion, garlic, lemon zest, cumin, coriander, salt, cayenne, baking powder, cilantro, parsley, and olive oil.*
- 3. Pulse until well combined but not pureed. Use a spatula to scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.
- 4. Use a 2-tablespoon scoop and your hands to form the mixture into 12 to 15 thick patties. If they're not holding together, give the mixture a few more pulses in the food processor.

- 5. Place the patties on the baking sheet. Drizzle generously with olive oil (this is the key to making these moist and crisp since we're not frying).
- 6. Bake for 14 minutes. Flip and bake for 10 to 12 minutes more or until golden brown and crisp on the outside. While **Falafel** patties are baking, prepare the **rice**, **sauce** and **veggies**.

RICE

- 1. Bring 2 ½ cups of water to boil.
- 2. Add rice and olive oil.
- 3. Reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes
- 4. After 15 minutes, remove from heat and keep covered for at least 5 minutes.

SAUCE

1. Whisk together **Yogurt, Lemon, Pickle Juice & Sea Salt** until smooth and can drizzle.

VEGGIES

1. Chop/Slice *Tomato and Cucumber* and set aside until ready to serve.

SERVE & ENJOY! :

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